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On page 6, line 18, please replace the paragraph with the following:

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Now refer more particularly to Figure 5 of the drawings. Illustrated therein is a device, generally designated 34, which is comparable to device 18 in Figures 1-4, for providing damping capabilities for a range spring (not shown) in a locomotive brake valve (not shown). The device 34 comprises a donut shaped element 36 having a predetermined size, shape, and material. Such donut shaped element 36 has an opening to permit engagement with such exhaust valve assembly 12 as seen in Figures 1-4. The device 34 also comprises a plurality of legs 38 having a predetermined size, shape, and material. The legs 38 are attached in a predetermined position to the donut shaped element 36 for engaging with a range spring (not shown) to minimize spring oscillation when the device 34 is disposed about the spring. Preferably, the plurality of the legs 38 is three, and the legs 38 are integrally attached at a predetermined angle to the donut shaped element 36. The angle of the legs 38 is determined by the amount of range spring dampening required. As is clearly seen in Figure 5 the angle of attachment may vary somewhat because of the amount of dampening needed but the angle will always be greater than 90°, so that the legs 38 engage the inner surface of spring housing 14. Preferably, the material of the dampening device is steel.

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